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# SANITARY LEGISLATION.

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## STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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### NEW YORK.

#### Morbidity Reports—Tuberculosis. (Chap. 318, Act Apr. 14, 1914.)

SECTION 1. Section 320 of chapter 49 of the laws of 1909, entitled "An act in relation to the public health, constituting chapter 45 of the consolidated laws," as amended by section 13 of chapter 559 of the laws of 1913, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 320. *Reports of tuberculosis by physicians and others.*—Tuberculosis is hereby declared to be an infectious and communicable disease, dangerous to the public health. It shall be the duty of every physician in the State of New York to report by telephone or in person or in writing on a form to be furnished as hereinafter provided the name and address of every person known by said physician to have tuberculosis to the health officer of the city, town, or village in which said person resides or may be, within 24 hours after such fact comes to the knowledge of said physician. It shall also be the duty of the chief officer having charge for the time being of any hospital, dispensary, asylum or other similar private or public institution to report the name, age, sex, color, occupation, place where last employed if known, the previous address of every patient having tuberculosis who comes into his care or under his observation, within 24 hours thereafter to the health officer of the city, town, or village in which said institution is located and also to the health officer of the city, town, or village from which said patient came.

Any physician, nurse, employer, teacher, head of a family, landlord, or other person may report in writing the name and address of any person coming under his observation who appears to be suffering from tuberculosis to the health officer of the city, town, or village in which such person is, and the health officer shall thereupon take such steps as may be prescribed by the sanitary code, provided the person making such report signs his own name and address thereon.

Each registrar of vital statistics shall promptly report to the health officer the name and address of every person reported to him as having died from tuberculosis. The health officer shall ascertain whether such person has been previously reported as having tuberculosis by the physician signing the death certificate, and if it appears that such physician has not so reported such person, the health officer shall call the attention of such physician to the provisions of this section. In case of repeated violations of the provisions of this section by any physician the health officer shall report such repeated violations to the board of health or other local health authorities, who shall cause such steps to be taken as may be necessary to enforce the penalty provided for such violation.